Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school through the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal; and,

Whereas, Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and,

Whereas, Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, data and budget analysts, guardians of student safety and policy mandates, play a vital role in the successful implementation of the "Every Student Succeeds Act" and being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resource; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals and the South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals honors such exemplary public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from prekindergarten to grade 12 in their profession in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and,

Whereas, To honor and recognize the contributions of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in South Dakota elementary and secondary schools, and to encourage residents of South Dakota to observe "School Principals Month" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership's role in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State